Shortage of Officials in CBI

2489. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigative agency, is in deep distress;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though demands on it continue to grow, it faces a severe shortage of officers and field staff to dispense with existing investigations, besides handling new cases which has hindered its efforts to secure convictions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at least 2000 cases are still pending for investigations and it has decided to be choosy; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to fill the shortfall of officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The CBI is able to deal with its existing investigations besides handling new arrivals inspite of the fact that there are 1001 vacancies against a total sanctioned strength of 5885 in all its ranks and the demands on CBI are continually growing.

(c) As on 31.7.2004, there are 1555 cases pending for investigation.

(d) Filling up vacancies by recruitment/promotion/deputation etc., is an ongoing process involving different procedures which consume time. All out efforts are being made to fill up the vacancies.

Illegal allotment of government land to **educational society**

2490. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has since completed its investigation into illegal allotment of Government land to educational society by the Vice-Chairman of DDA and his other colleagues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any charge-sheet has been submitted against those officials and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be filed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After completion of investigation into the case No. RC.01(A)/2003/ACU-I against Shri Subhash Sharma, IAS, Vice-Chairman, DDA and others in the matter of extension of lease of about 4 acres of unutilized land in favour of Modern School Educational Society, CBI has filed charge sheet in the Court of Special Judge, Delhi on 30.7.2004.

Cadre transfer of All India Service officers

2491. SHRI PYRIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of All India Service Officers, service-wise, who have been allowed cadre transfers during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the norms fixed by Government for such cadre transfers; and

(c) whether the norms were observed in all the cases and if not, the reasons in each individual case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A Statement is enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) As per the extant policy, cadre transfers are allowed on ground of marriage between All India Service (s) officers. While doing so, it is ensured that the officer concerned does not get transferred to his or her home State. Cadre transfer can also be allowed in extreme hardship cases, if the Government after assessment of the problem finds that the same can be solved only by transfer.

Consequent on the bifurcation of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, cadre transfers of All India Service Officers were also allowed (i) on the recommendations of the Grievances Committee set up by the Government in the year 2000 to consider cases of undue hardship of the All India Services Officers; (ii) in the case of S.C.S. officers who were promoted to the composite I.A.S. cadres of Bihar, to complete the process of bifurcation.

(c) Yes, Sir.